

to Publiq<sup>e</sup> Instrum<sup>ts</sup> As Protests Certificates & Coppys of Records sent out of this province into Forreigne Precincts for want of a Publiq<sup>e</sup> Notary Authorized for th<sup>t</sup> end And conceiving it necessary th<sup>t</sup> such an officer be appoynted whereby such Instruments as afores<sup>d</sup> maye pass with great<sup>r</sup> Credence both in fforreigne prec<sup>ts</sup> & att home amongst the People of this Province Bee itt enacted by the R<sup>t</sup> honno<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary by & w<sup>th</sup> the Assent of the vpp<sup>r</sup> & Low<sup>r</sup> howse of this p<sup>r</sup>sent gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly That the Secretary of this province for the Tyme being be hereby appoynted & authorized to be the Publiq<sup>e</sup> Notary of this Province And th<sup>t</sup> he be sworne by the Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>all</sup> for the tyme being for th<sup>t</sup> end and purpose To the end th<sup>t</sup> all p<sup>sons</sup> who shall desire any publiq<sup>e</sup> or private Instrum<sup>t</sup> in wryteing to be Attested may to him Repayre whoe is hereby enjoyned to give Attestacon there vnto as in such cases Publiq<sup>e</sup> Notaryes in England vse to doe, And th<sup>t</sup> the Attestacōns may beare the greater Credence he shall cause the Lesser seale of this Province to all such Attestacons by him made to be therevnto Affixed vnto whose Attestacōn both Abroad & at home Wee desire all faith & Credence may be given And the Notary shall have for his ffee for every such Attest Fifty pounds of Tobacco And Fifty pounds of Tobacco for the Recording there of Provided that this Act nor anything therein Conteyned abridge not the Secretarys ffee vppon any Instrum<sup>t</sup> or other wryteing allowed him by any form<sup>t</sup> Act of Assembly This Act to endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly

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The vpp<sup>r</sup> house have Assented  
John Gittings Clke

The Low<sup>r</sup> house have Assented  
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#### An Act for Seateing of Lands in Baltemore County.

The Burgesses of this Assembly vpon a Peticōn preferred by the Majo<sup>r</sup> pte of the Burgesses of Baltemore County Considering the inabilityity of Baltemore County to defend it Selfe by reason of the few Inhabitants therein And th<sup>t</sup> occasionally by divers p<sup>sons</sup> engrossing many & great Tracts of Land whereby those whoe would come & Seat therein are hindered there being noe Land to take vpp & what is allready taken vpp cannot be purchased but att Deere Rates where by the sayd County is in noe probabillity (of a long Tyme) to be able to defend itt selfe ag<sup>t</sup> their Enemyes Bee itt therefore Enacted by the Lord Proprieto<sup>r</sup> by & w<sup>th</sup> the Consent of the vpp<sup>r</sup> & low<sup>r</sup> howse of this present gen<sup>all</sup> Assembly th<sup>t</sup> all p<sup>sons</sup> who have Land lyeing &